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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST ABOUT EXPLOSION OUTSIDE
AEROFLOT

REF: STATE 214216

1. FULL TEXT OF SOVIET EMBASSY SEPT 7 PROTEST NOTE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS INFORMS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA OF THE FOLLOWING:

3. QUOTE: ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1977 AT 2:35 A.M. A POWERFUL
EXPLOSION WAS SET OFF AT 1101 16TH STREET, N.W. OUTSIDE THE
EMBASSY OFFICE BUILDING OCCUPIED BY THE MARITIME ATTACHE
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AS WELL AS BY THE AEROFLOT OFFICE. THIS RESULTED IN SEVERE
DAMAGE TO THIS EMBASSY BUILDING. IT WAS ONLY BY LUCKY
CHANCE THAT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

4. QUOTE: THE EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY PROTESTED TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AGAINST THE TERRORIST AND BANDIT AS-
SAULTS ON THE BUILDINGS OF THE OFFICIAL SOVIET OFFICES ON

U.S. TERRITORY, IN PARTICULAR OF AEROFLOT IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK. THE EXPLOSION ON SEPTEMBER 7 SHOWS THAT THE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES DID NOT TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE OFFICIAL SOVIET AGENCIES IN THE U.S., ALTHOUGH IT IS THE U.S. SIDE'S DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY.

5. QUOTE: IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY LODGES ITS STRONG PROTEST AND INSISTS ON THE ADOPTION OF ALL THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR PREVENTING TERRORIST ACTIVITY AGAINST SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE U.S. AND ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THEM.

6. QUOTE: IN SO DOING THE EMBASSY PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS GUILTY OF THESE CRIMES WILL BE IDENTIFIED AND PUNISHED IN EXEMPLARY FASHION. THE EMBASSY ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DEMAND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FULL RESTITUTION FOR THE MATERIAL DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE EMBASSY AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1977. END OF QUOTE. VANCE

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